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INFORMATION –WHO IS REQUIRED TO ENROLL

The system covers the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Judges of the Superior Court and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey.

Membership in the retirement system is a condition for judicial service for members of the State Judiciary and such membership shall cease upon retirement, death, or resignation.

Any judge, present or future, required to be a member of this system, who holds membership in another retirement system established pursuant to any other law of this State, shall cease to be a member of such other pension fund.

INSTRUCTIONS

PART I – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYEE.

PART II – THE EMPLOYER CERTIFIES TO THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION IN PART I (AS COMPLETED BY EMPLOYEE) AND COMPLETES PART II.

INFORMATION TO EMPLOYEES – PART I OF ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

ITEM 6: DATE OF BIRTH – Birth, baptismal certificate or other proof must be furnished. *(Do no delay forwarding the enrollment application if this material is not readily available.)*

ITEM 10: PURCHASE OF RETIREMENT CREDIT – Any member can file an application to purchase credit for service, not already credited, as rendered with the State or any political subdivision thereof by paying a cost based on his or her age and salary at the time of purchase. The purchase may be made by lump sum payment of extra payroll deductions not to exceed ten years.

ITEM 11: DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY – A member may nominate any person or persons or his or her estate as primary or contingent beneficiary. If multiple primary or contingent beneficiaries are named, it is to be understood that the beneficiaries still living at the death of the member will share equally in the distribution of the death benefits. Definite sums should not be indicated since the amount of death benefit changes with every change in the members salary. If other than lump sum distribution is desired or if other than equal shares is to apply, a special form provided for the purpose should be obtained from this office.

The Contingent beneficiary is the person(s) named by the member under the same conditions of primary except that it is payable only where the primary designation does not survive the member.

INSTRUCTIONS

DEATH BENEFIT (*Group Life Insurance*) – This program requires no contribution by the member and normally commences with the acceptance of the member into the retirement system. The distribution of such benefits is subject to designation and instruction of the member, whereas certain “survivor” benefits are limited to and directed to eligible widows, widowers, children or parents.

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY – A member reserves the right to change his or her beneficiary designation for the death benefit. This may be done at any time prior to retirement. The change must be filed with the retirement system and it will supercede any previous designation or instruction on file with this office. If no beneficiary designation is in effect at the member’s death, payment will be made to the member’s estate.

METHOD OF PAYMENT – The member may designate that the death benefits payable to his or her named beneficiary be made in one lump sum payment, in monthly installments over a fixed number of years, or as a monthly annuity payable for life of the beneficiary.